



Issue Brief: Required Commercial Collection Area (RCCA)

SUMMARY

An ordinance revision to Title 9.04 will require that all the commercial waste generators within areas of the City designated as Required Commercial Collection Areas (RCCA) receive comprehensive waste collection services from the City. With this ordinance, ESD is assuming the responsibility for collecting and disposing of all trash generated within the RCCA. This will insure the properties within the boundaries pay for the comprehensive waste collection services. The City will enter into an agreement with the Downtown Management District (DMD) for the DMD to clean sidewalks, alleys and storefronts and graffiti removal.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Criteria for establishing an RCCA include the following:
 - A compact, high density area normally found in business districts;
 - An area whose pedestrian population dramatically increases during the hours of operation of business in the area;
 - A mixed use area that is primarily commercial;
 - An area with public waste receptacles within public right-of-way which are insufficient to service the area for private disposal purposes.
- City shall assess a monthly fee for all services provided in the Area, based on the average quantity of uncompacted waste generated by the property.
- Each property owner shall pay a fee that is no lower than the minimum base fee.
- The City will collect and dispose of the trash generated from approximately 200 green sidewalk trash cans and the central drop-off collection site for that area, as well as street sweeping and other cleaning of the rights-of-way as determined necessary.
- The DMD will clean the alleys, sidewalks, and storefronts, and ESD will dispose of the collected waste.
- The DMD will provide services including graffiti removal, painting street furniture, and cleaning historical markers.
- The fee will include the cost of a private waste hauler collecting and disposing of all commercial trash generated within the Area.
- The first RCCA established by the City generally includes the area bounded by Interstate 10 on the north, Cesar Chavez Border Highway on the south, Virginia / Kansas on the east, and Santa Fe / Paisano on the west, which encompasses approximately 600 parcels.